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Last Friday night the Rat Portage Curling Club gave their annual dinner at the Russell House. The dinner was paid for by the vice-president Mr. Neads and his team as they failed to defeat the president, Mr. Hudson, and his team by a score of twelve in the inter-rink competition. The spread was well served and heartily enjoyed by all present. When the repast was over the toast to the Queen was proposed for which the gathering sang with much vigor, God Save the Queen.

"Our country and its interests" was responded to by His Honor Judge Chapple in a few well chosen words, in which he said that although his father was English, his mother Scotch and he was born in Ireland, still he was a Canadian and as such would always remain. "But that all loyal Canadians were looking to see Britain victorious in South Africa, and there were thousands of Canadians ready if the call should ever come to go to the aid of the mother country. The Judge then told some curling stories, and stories of the legal and judicial profession, which were well applauded.

Mr. Rogers was not present although his name was on the program, so the chairman, Mr. Hudson, called on Mr. Garson, a former M.P.P., who was present and he delivered a very witty and appropriate speech. Mr. Garson replied to the Judge's story about the dying Scotchman who was brought back to health by having the bagpipes played, although it caused the death of the other 34 patients in the hospital by saying that the sooner people who could not appreciate such an instrument died, the better. Mr. Garson said that 99 per cent of the Canadians were workers. That Canada was the

equal to the occasion. As the guests were not offered a speech, they were determined to have something, and Mr. Kyle was persuaded to give them a Scotch song.

Mr. Drewry was also on the program for the same toast as Mr. Kyle, and he delivered a speech which had several points. He made reference to the immense growth of the Manitoba branch of the curling association and predicted that in a year or so it would be the largest in America. It had at present 70 clubs and over 2,000 members. He then told about himself and three other gentlemen who went to the Winnipeg Bongspiel. They decided beforehand, after much argument, how they would divide the prizes. They also said things about how they would use the other players. There were four preliminary games and the teams to participate in the finals, had to win one. They won none, and as there were four of them they each lost a game—so they told their Rat Portage friends. He said that it was a good thing to keep one's mouth shut. He told of a man who recently lost \$10,000 in a mining deal by not keeping his mouth shut, which reminded him of the story told of the undertaker who telegraphed a man who had lost his father, that he had a body answering the description. The man immediately telegraphed to prepare the body for burial. When the son came to view the body the mouth of the corpse dropped open showing that there was no gold in his teeth, whereupon the young man refused to pay for the funeral as this proved the corpse not to be his father. The undertaker, when mailing the pine board box into which the corpse was placed, said to the dead body between blows of the hammer, "If you—had kept—your mouth shut—you might—have had—a decent burial."

Mr. Murray of Winnipeg, gave a short address on this same toast. He said that the curlers in Scotland were envious of their Canadian brothers, as the former could only end a few weeks in the year and regarded Sunday as a day wasted. He thought that Canada should lead the world in curling as it had exceptional facilities to encourage the noble sport.

Mr. Langford gave The Absent Minded Beggar for which he was vigorously applauded. He reminded Soldiers of the Queen as an encore.

Dr. Schmitt added with a well chosen witty address interspersed with side-splitting stories. He said it was a slippery game in which an old player was liable to meet defeat at the hands of a beginner. He said all were Scotch and the Scotch reversed curling above religion. He gave a story illustrating this of the Scotch preacher who made an exclamation when he missed a shot and upon being asked about it what, "Well, I'll have to give it up." "What, curling?" asked his friend. "No, the ministry," said the reverend gentleman.

Mr. Buss also said a few words to the Rat Portage Curling Club.

## FINE RIVER NEWS

John L. Morrison's Weekly Mining Letter From Duluth.

IMPROVEMENT ON MANY MINES.

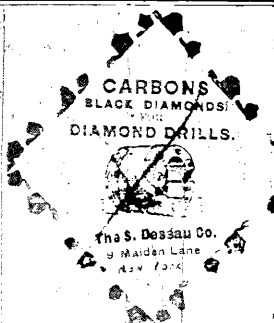
GOLDEN STAR AND OLIVE OUTPUTS HAVE A BRACING EFFECT.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 18.—While the improvement is neither so rapid nor extensive as desired, yet there has been a noticeable and favorable change in mining matters here in the last two weeks. To speak frankly, I do not look for the activity in stocks that was experienced a year ago, but I do look for a greater and more sincere inquiry for good mining properties than was seen in the last four months of 1899. I think, too, that a heavier percentage of these inquiries will come from men with capital, experience and good standing in the mining world. It is to be hoped so, for if such is not the case, properties now under development and depending upon the sale of stock will have their chances of success much decreased.

Everyone is praying that the Foley resume work this winter and that Col. Hillier will soon successfully close the Alice A deal. The last shipment of bullion from the Olive and Golden Star had a bracing effect on local interests, but the daily papers here dismissed the matter with six lines three days after the gold bricks were shipped through here.

Local brokers smile over the recent advance in Golden Star and, despite the new company's silence, the Foley stock is looked upon as a good buy. Golden Crescent is still selling at 10 cts. a share. The property is fast growing in favor and the best of reports are coming from the mine. Members of the company are furnishing all the cash needed for development and there is no danger of a shutdown in that property.

The Swale Bay is selling at 12 1/2 cts. The 2 stamp mill is in place but before it can start screens for the miners



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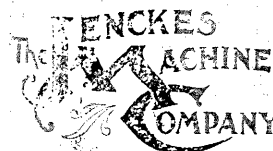
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ment died, the better. Mr. Garson  
said that 90 per cent of the Canadians  
were workers. That Canada was the  
greatest country under the sun, and  
that the eyes of the whole world were  
being opened to the fact that Canada  
was a vast storehouse of minerals, and  
he also called attention to her vast  
area of wheat and pasture country.

Mr. Gillespie was also asked to re-  
spond to this toast. He was a stranger  
here and was much impressed with  
our immense resources in Western  
Ontario. He was particularly struck  
with the magnitude of the operations  
that were being carried on by the  
Lake of the Woods Milling Company  
at Kewatin. Their product required  
200 cars of wheat daily. He was par-  
ticularly proud of the noble stand  
taken by the Canadians in the present  
war with the Boers, for wherever the  
British flag was, there Canadians  
received the same protection and free-  
dom as was recorded any British sub-  
ject and Canada should show her ap-  
preciation.

Mr. Levesque was called upon for a  
song. He rendered the Marseillaise,  
and as an encore he sang the Brigadier.  
He has a deep rich voice, and his  
singing was much enjoyed by all the  
company.

Mr. Kyle was on the program to re-  
spond to the toast "The Manitoba  
Branch." He wished to know the  
party who had perpetrated the joke  
of placing him on the program, and  
told the story of the Scotch gentleman  
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ministry," said the reverend gentle-  
man.

Mr. Bunn also said a few words to  
the point on the Rat Portage Curling  
Club.

Mr. Coolidge sang: "You had better  
stay at home, my lad," and was ap-  
plauded vociferously. He gave "Put  
me off at Buffalo as an encore.

Major Carmichael responded to the  
toast "Tommy Atkins." He men-  
tioned the fact that although the atten-  
tion of the entire world was centered  
on Tommy Atkins in South Africa,  
he had a special interest in watching  
movements there, as Mr. MacIn, of  
Rat Portage, was at present fighting  
for the greater glory of the world, its  
further enlightenment and the great-  
est good to the greatest number.

On the same toast as Mr. Carmichael  
Mr. Weir said that Tommy Atkins  
would go anywhere if allowed and  
once started could not be checked. He  
himself had been for four years a mem-  
ber of the Gordon Highlanders, and  
he thought that oatmeal should be  
made contraband of war as that was  
what made them fight, and if flour  
was included in the same category as  
oatmeal it should also be contraband.

Mr. Kyle sang Tommy Atkins in his  
usual style, and as an encore he sang  
at the special request of that Scotch-  
man Dr. Schmitt, "Scotland Yet."

Mr. Gaudin, champion iron-man of  
the world, when he rose to respond to  
the toast, The Rowing Club, was loud-  
ly cheered, and said that he couldn't  
make a speech, but when they asked  
if he could row one better, he replied  
that it was more in his line. He ex-  
pressed his pleasure at the meeting  
and would do his best in the future as  
he had in the past.

Messrs. Chesteron and Langford  
also responded to the toast. The lat-  
ter gentleman made a very fine ad-  
dress, telling what benefit the rowing  
club had been to the town and that  
the prominence it held in the world of  
sport was due in great measure to the  
efforts of the rowing club.

Mr. Rice responded to the toast of  
The Council, and though he did not  
say much about the council he man-  
aged to keep his auditors attentive.

Mr. Currie also responded to this  
toast, but he pleaded that, as in the  
challenges of the curling club to the  
council, the town clerk was barred; he  
would not make a speech.

As the Sutherland brothers were  
not present Mr. Carpenter gave an in-  
strumental selection and sang "Mary  
of Argyle."

Messrs. Fricker and McLennan re-  
sponded to "The Ladies." Mr. Fricker  
specially mentioned the Queen first,  
then the nurses who have gone to the  
scene of conflict in South Africa, then  
the wives, mothers, sisters and sweet-  
hearts of the soldiers who had gone to  
fight for Britannia, and lastly to all the  
women in Canada, who showed such  
bravery, spirit and self-sacrifice. He  
always did like the ladies. Mr. Mc-  
Lennan did not feel able to do their  
justice and thought he could say what  
he had to say about them better in  
private worship. Still he managed to

through mere.  
Local brokers smile over the recent  
advance in Golden Star and, despite  
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is no danger of a shut-down in that  
property.

The Swede Boy is selling at 12 1/2c.  
The 2 stamp mill is in place but, before  
it can start success for the miners  
must arrive from Chicago. That  
seems to be another case of trying to  
cut bread before the dough is mixed.

I hear that the Olive mine lacks  
boiler capacity for 25 stamps and that  
it is impossible to keep all of them  
constantly dropping. I do not sup-  
pose additional capacity will be pro-  
vided until navigation opens. I hear  
it rumored, too, that when large  
boilers, or more of them are provided,  
the stamps will be increased to 50.  
That will be a glorious day for both  
thimble and distict.

Work will soon be resumed at the  
Isabel A. 1113. The ore vein  
whim has been ordered and soon will  
be on the way to the mine via Tower,  
and a contract for further sinking will  
be let shortly now. The main shaft is  
down 60 feet in a 7 1/2 foot vein of solid  
quartz that shows up satisfactory  
values. Good camp buildings have  
been erected, and Daniel Waite, the  
Duluth lawyer, promoting this enter-  
prise, expects to have one of the best  
mines in the district.

The directors of the Randolph Gold  
Mining Company met last week. Supt.  
Neil Hanger and Geo. Randolph were  
down from Mine Centre and the best  
of reports made. The main shaft is  
now down 130 feet and at this point,  
drifting on the second level will com-  
mence. There are 100 feet of drifting  
on the first level. At the 130 foot  
mark a gosslet will also be started  
westward to tap three veins from 50 to  
150 feet from the shaft.

The last report from the mine was  
that solid quartz 3 1/2 feet wide runs  
from wall to wall, and that the vein is  
growing stronger, with indications of  
rapidly widening. The ore pays well,  
and assays of over \$500 a ton were ob-  
tained a short time ago. For the first  
50 feet the mine made as poor a show-  
ing as ever was made in the district.  
The improvement has been phenom-  
enal, and has every promise of perma-  
nence and still greater improvement.

## LITTLE SUGGESTS

A. B. Upton and Edgar Brown, of  
Rat Portage, were in the city last  
week, but have gone to Sault Ste.  
Marie on some big copper deal.

John P. Rossman, president of the  
Headlight Gold Mining Company, is  
at Mine Centre, and is not expected  
back until the stamp mill is in op-  
eration on the Swede Boy.

John Thickers, of Appleton, Wis.,  
the man who assisted D. M. Black-  
wood bring Mine Centre into exist-  
ence, is in Duluth this week. Rap-  
portations count for anything he is  
now on Easy street.

Anthony Rump, president of the 2nd  
city Trusting Company, writes  
that he expects to put in machinery  
and work some of his Manitou prop-  
erties this year. Mr. Rump has an office  
at 35 Court street, Boston, Mass.

The Mutual Development Company,  
which was organized last spring, with  
Judge C. L. Lewis as president, will  
soon let a contract for sinking a 90  
foot shaft on A. 1170, near Bad Vermilion  
lake. This company has quite a  
group of properties in that locality.

JOHN L. MORRISON.

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and others, all of New York.

# CALIFORNIA NOTES

By the Editor

GILROY, Cal., Jan. 3

MY DEAR MINER:

The transition of a week. How marked! Surprising belief almost. And not to be fully comprehended short of actual experience. For instance, on Thursday morning, December 21, we left Rat Portage, in the crisp, sharp air, midst frost, snow and ice, and the next Thursday morning we were in San Francisco, amidst roses and other flowers out of doors in the gardens, after a 4,000 mile ride through Ontario, Manitoba, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and the famed Golden State of California.

On our journey we passed through the cities of Winnipeg, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Kansas City, Muskogee, Dennison, Dallas, Waco, San Antonio, El Paso, Tucson, Yuma, Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose. The regions we passed through were as varied as the products from temperate to torrid, and though it was made in one country, under one flag, yet there was change in view, people, habitation, and occupations as marked as to be a source of never failing interest, especially so to one who before has never travelled in that section of the United States.

The journey was made from Rat Portage to Winnipeg through the courtesy of our good friend, Mr. Wm. Stitt, of the C.P.R., and Yan'ee thought we be to the core, we must say that for fine equipment, dining service and all the essentials for comfort in travelling, no line on the American continent is superior to the Canadian Pacific, and no train makes swifter runs, or is better handled than the new, but well known Imperial Limited. From Winnipeg to St. Paul we were given the courtesy of the Northern Pacific road, through the kindness of the general agent, Mr. H. Swinford, of Winnipeg, and we found that pioneer line fully abreast of its younger rival in all its superb appointments.

We arrived in Minneapolis the next morning at 7 o'clock, and after a hurried visit to our friends in the Twin Cities, as progressive as they are beautiful, we found ourselves aboard a train of the Chicago Great Western at 10:45 that evening headed for California. The through car that we got in to was not up to advertised statement, through some delay in securing the new cars, but the gentleman in charge of the "personally conducted" service, Mr. McIlroy, did all in his power to make our journey comfortable, and his painstaking care and valuable advice as to where to secure the best meals and other creature comforts made us more reconciled to the cars we were in, which we at first denounced in no uncertain way as a base imposition on the too confiding public. Mr. McIlroy assured us, however, that

bonnet of our great grandmothers was much in evidence, while here in luxuriant California, the headgear of the women is a wealth of flowers and feathers, on a scale commensurate with the big trees and other big things for which the state is noted.

The country in Iowa is devoted exclusively to grain, corn and stock growing. It is a fine agricultural state, and probably does not contain an acre of waste land. In some places coal is mined, but there did not appear to be either natural gas or petroleum operations, which usually go hand in hand with the exploitation of coal measures. The state is almost entirely made up of prairie land, but near the Missouri line there is some timber openings, and in that region there is more apples and other fruit produced. All in all it is a fine state, and one of which anyone may be proud to be a citizen.

Much to our regret, the cities of St. Joseph, Leavenworth and Kansas City were passed after dark, so that we were unable to determine their size or importance, or make comparison with the Twin Cities. The electric lights, however, gave us some idea of the style of architecture, which clearly indicated them to be similar in appearance to our northern cities, for there is a distinctiveness about our northern and western American cities that makes them unlike other places anywhere else in the world.

This rule holds good with the Canadian cities of Toronto, Rat Portage, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the big four towns of the Dominion of Canada. Rat Portage is put in the big class for the reason that travel the past year, covering thousands of miles in west, has convinced the writer that no town on either side of the international boundary has better prospects or greater advantages than those possessed by our own little Canadian city, situated at the foot of the Lake of the Woods. It is bound to be one of the big towns of Canada. Destiny, together with its water power, timber, fishing and gold mining interests, all point to a most marvellous future for Rat Portage.

It was not our fortune to see Kansas except by moonlight. Enough was seen, however, to show it to be exclusively a prairie state, with agriculture, coal mining and stock-raising as its chief industries.

On Sunday morning we awoke to find ourselves unmistakably in a land new to our experience. During the night we had gradually travelled from a region in which frost and snow and northern products, forest growth and the prairie view, with which we were familiar, had taken on a different aspect. It was true that there was prairie land in some places spreading out as far as the eye could reach, but it was not a northern climate, or a northern vegetation. The trees seen along the water courses were not of a familiar kind. There was a difference. The towns did not look northern-like. No

before having ice cut out of it 18 inches thick, we could readily imagine the southern one the same stream. After we crossed the Red river, there was a change. The farms were well tilled. The towns, down so far as Dallas, had a northern look. So did the houses. Cotton seemed to be the chief product. Here and there were fruit trees. Occasionally hills of a stratified formation of recent origin were noticed, mostly of limestone with some coal measures in the northern part of the state.

We entered the State of Texas about noon, and never before had our idea of the greatness and immediacy of the state been made so plain to us. We travelled constantly all that afternoon and all night and the next day until afternoon, from Dennison to El Paso, covering a distance of over 1,200 miles in one of the states of the Union. I was an object lesson to some English travellers on the train, as well as to ourselves, of the vastness and diversity of interest, climate and product of the United States.

The northern part of the state is most interesting to a northern man. It is thickly settled. The towns are close together. The natural growth of timber is oak and the other varieties usual to a northern woodland. But the morning found us in a different country. We had passed the northern region and had arrived in the home of the live oak, bearing the long Spanish moss and the mistletoe. It was Christmas Day, and the mistletoe made us look at the many hand-ome Texan girls along our route, and wonder—well if they knew what the mistletoe implied in Canada and Merry Old England. Waco, the last northern city, we had left behind. The aspect of the country henceforth was essentially southern. The mesquite tree and bush became almost the sole arboreal growth. The towns were smaller. The stores almost invariably one-story structures. A singular thing about the business places being that they have no glass fronts. Instead usually three doors or front openings, and these are always closed with wood-shutters and barred on Sundays and holidays. The inference is that the doors are all wide open during business hours, or else it is done to guard against thieves. It gives the stores a prison-like appearance. The soil between Waco and San Antonio is very gravelly in places. But cotton and corn seem to thrive on such land.

In that section there are many fine oil wells, and some of the towns do an important business from the cotton crop. Before you reach San Antonio the cotton crop gradually makes way for cattle ranching, and from that city till you reach the orange groves at Banning, Cal., through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and the Colorado desert of southern California, the chief industry is cattle raising and mining. Rough and unpolishing in appearance as this section is with its dry creeks, mountains and its reaches of sandy desert, yet the cattle kings thrive there and many of them have amassed millions in the business. The Staked Plains of Texas seem to be the natural home for stock. The small water supply on the surface, has been augmented by wells, which are easily obtainable anywhere at a depth of from 40 to 700 feet. The water is raised to the surface by means of windmills. The dry water courses, spanned by high, fine steel bridges,

highest elevation reached between San Antonio and El Paso is 4,692 feet near Marfa, only a few hundred feet less than the highest point on the C. P. R., and yet with the wide grassy plain and the low distant mountains one could hardly imagine such elevation, while the Kicking Horse Pass, with its rugged, frowning and towering peaks, one could imagine the altitude was really greater than that set down in the guide books. On the summit a very little snow, hardly discernible, was noticed on the ground in the morning.

One of the most daring feats of engineering, and the only one that gives you a hair-raising sensation on the entire Southern Pacific line is the bridge over the Pecos river, in Texas. It is a steel cantilever bridge, with an extreme length of 2,184 feet and 321 feet above the river. It is a frail-looking structure, and yet it has stood the most rigid tests. It was completed about a year ago, and was built to do away with a long round-about piece of road with heavy gradients on both sides of the river. Of course, the "falling" would not hurt you, but think of it, "afterwards," as the Irish man said, should a train ever go off of that bridge! Trains are moved across very slowly, so that there need be no danger from accidents.

The country between the Pecos river and El Paso is all alike, and crosses the "Staked Plains," so-called from the growth of a palm-like plant, called the dagger plant or Spanish bayonet, which resemble posts or stakes.

The Rio Grande is first struck at Del Rio, called in plain English Devil's river, but why, is not stated. The Rio Grande is a muddy, sluggish stream, and is so narrow and shallow at most seasons of the year that it does not present a very formidable obstacle to smuggling. At Del Rio a gospel car was noticed, being the first evidence of Christianity of any sort we had noticed for several hundred miles. There were several small churches, however, at Del Rio, a divisional point on the railroad.

The Rio Grande was then followed for 50 miles, sometimes following its banks, and again some distance from it. About 60 miles east of El Paso, the abandoned United States post, Fort Huacreek, was noticed a mile or so south of the track, near the river. The buildings are fine looking, costly structures, and resemble old Fort Pembina, which is similarly located on the Red river, south of Winnipeg, and now also abandoned as a military post, by the United States authorities. The troops once stationed there are now located at El Paso.

It is stated that at one time the fruit growing and agricultural interests on both sides of the Rio Grande were of considerable importance in Texas and old Mexico. The taking of the water nearer the source in Colorado and New Mexico, however, so depleted its volume at El Paso and lower down as to bring ruin to once prosperous homes. So serious has the matter become that the Mexican government has brought action in the United States courts with a view to correct the evil, placing the damages at \$30,000,000. It is thought that this action will result in allowing at least a portion of the water to resume its progress into this fruitful region. Evidence is seen of the need of such legislation everywhere by the tumbledown

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throughout the country, securing the new cars, but the gentlemen in charge of the "personally conducted" service, Mr. McIlroy, did all in his power to make our journey comfortable, and his painstaking care, and valuable advice as to where to secure the best meals and other creature comforts, made us more reconciled to the car. We were in, which we at first denominated in no uncertain way as a base imposition on the too confiding public. Mr. McIlroy assured us, however, that the new cars on his line, the "Sunset Route," will be models of beauty, comfort and elegance. The route surely has the advantage of passing through a snowless region, outside the danger of snow blockades, and is highly recommended to those who reside in the north and desire to see some of the beauties of life in the sunny south in winter time.

When we left Minneapolis the ground was bare, and the air was balmy and spring like. The morning found us at Waterloo, Ia., in the midst of snow, which must have been a heavy fall, and snow and mud were the order then until the line into northwestern Missouri was crossed; when the snow disappeared, and a reign of more or less mud was in evidence. We were much pleased with southwest Iowa and the entire country extending into northern and central Texas. In Missouri good homes, well-tilled rolling farms, with beautiful and thrifty apple orchards were the rule. It is the land of big red apples, and the apple belt extends down into western Arkansas, which divides its attention between apple growing and cotton raising, producing last year \$15,000,000 worth of apples. We have no doubt as to apple production, but it is considerable one man alone having 1,000 acres of apples from which he cleared \$50,000 last year. It will be seen that apples in western Arkansas come pretty near being a gold mine.

The general aspect of the country in northwestern Missouri, eastern Kansas and western Arkansas is similar. It is rolling with a variation of prairie with thinly scattered oak timber growth. In summer, the trees stand isolated, with an under growth, presenting an orchard-like appearance. This condition makes it extremely easy to clear into a farm, while in the natural state it makes a splendid pasture for stock, hogs and sheep thriving especially well. It is also the land of tall corn. On every hand are evidences of thrift and comfortable homes. And it is said there is still much vacant government land as good as that now under tillage still open to the homestead.

The winter always was of an observing turn of mind, at least so far as concerns the fairer and better portion of the human side. We left our cozy chevron Canadian girls engaged in fur coats, tuppies and mittens, moving actively, enjoying skating, hockey and kindred sports. When we touched southern Iowa the hats of Canada gave way to hoods and the old fashioned rubies for ladies' headgear which we imagined long ago were relegated to a state of incineration, as the great and only Grover of the United States would remark. I looked strange to see the low, girlish, coiffure wearing up, then in a mild climate, while their Canadian cousins wore of a much more elaborate and beautiful style. I was not content with no, as I had seen a southern woman, down in Missouri and Arkansas, the hair of a woman, and I was so carefully wrapped in a head and one further further away India, February and Texas, the

sandy desert, yet the cattle thrive there and many of them have amassed millions in the business. The Staked Plains of Texas seem to be the natural home for stock. The small water supply, on the surface, has been augmented by wells, which are easily obtained anywhere at a depth of from 40 to 700 feet. The water is raised to the surface by means of windmills. The dry water courses, spanned by high, fine steel bridges give ample evidence that there are times where there is plenty of water in the desert regions. The fact that it rains sometimes is also attested by a strong growth of bunch and buffalo grasses all over what is known as the cattle country.

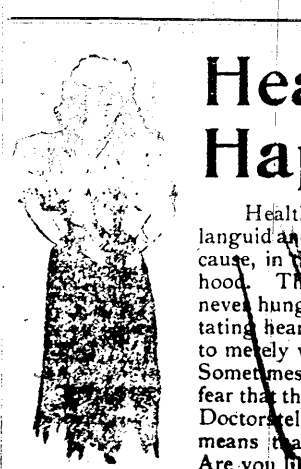
The chief city of southern Texas is San Antonio, a Spanish-looking town, with here and there some modern-looking buildings. It has 60,000 people, possesses a glorious climate, at least in winter and makes pretensions to greatness. It is the chief centre of the cattle industry, and is connected with other parts of the state and country by several lines of railroad. It was 75° above at 10:30 a.m. the day we were there. One of the proud monuments of the city is the "Alamo" of historic fame, in the liberation of Texas from Spanish rule. The country from Antonio to El Paso, a distance of over 300 miles, does not contain many towns, except country seats of the "cow countries," and one or two divisional points on the line. The road is built through a prairie region, with mountains near or at a distance that do not appear formidable. The contrast with the marvelous and appalling grandeur of the Rockies and the Selkirk mountains on the C. P. R. and Sierra Madras is most marked. The

Notwithstanding the fact that Indian territory is devoted exclusively to the Indian, there are several good modern looking towns, with electric light, and among the best is Waggoner, a stock town, Muskogee, a railway division town, and South McAlester, the chief seat of the coal mining industry.

The dividing line between Texas and Indian territory is the Red River. It is at the size where we crossed it, that the Red River, the North is at Wagoner. The streams, hundreds of miles, are flowing into the Gulf of Mexico. The sea is a vast expanse of blue, and the ocean, as seen from the ship, once a day or so

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Mrs. Brown—Our language is full of misnomers. For instance, I met a man once who was a perfect bear, and they call him a "civil engineer." Mrs. Smith—Yes, but that's not so ridiculous as the man they call a "teller" in a bank. He won't tell you anything. I asked one the other day how much money my husband had on deposit, and he just laughed at me—Catholic Standard and Times.

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Under the roses and under the dew,  
Dead-but the dreaming, dear heart, of you!  
For the day you knelt near the death pillow place  
I felt your tears fall over my face.

And the rose that you left where my dreams roam  
Thrilled the thought of you down to me!

And I said, from my couch in the white walled  
dust.

"She is true to her love, she is true to her trust,  
"And her tenderest tears will fall for me  
Till we meet in God's eternity."

Under the rose and under the dew,  
Dead-but I dream no more of you!

The stormy winds o'er my dwelling rave;  
Dead are the roses that blessed my grave.

For you never knew by my couch to say  
The loving words that you said that day.

Crumbles my name on the marble's crust,  
My dreams are dead, and my heart is dust;  
—Atlanta Constitution.

## SIBERIA'S BIG GOLD CROP.

Large Quantities of It Smuggled Out  
of the Country.

In spite of the most stringent Russian laws on the subject—the taking away of gold without government consent—there is an enormous business done all over Siberia in gold, both dust and, especially, nuggets stolen from the workings. It is a criminal offense to be found in possession of gold; but as so large a proportion of the population of Siberia consists of those sent there for punishment, and the only further punishment they have to fear is deportation to some yet more distant region of the same barren and joyless land, the deterrent is by no means so formidable as a mere perusal of the awful passages of the statutes at first sight seems to convey. Moreover, the successful dealer in stolen gold rarely fails to escape the penalties of his offense, even when caught red-handed.

The Russian official, even in Russia proper, is seldom altogether honest and, and in Siberia, where the present saying of the dishonest "chibouk" is, "It's a long way to Peter"—that is, St. Petersburg—is especially significant, the official is "good natured" in the extreme, and a substitute can always be bought to accept unpleasant responsibilities.

A great part of the gold is conveyed over the Chinese frontier—that is, across the river Amur, which is the sole defense of the frontier against smuggling from both sides and finds a ready sale at enormous sacrifices in exchange for a certain fiery Chinese vodka. The valuable properties of this spirit, much esteemed by Russian and native alike, are that it gives the customer the beatitude of intoxication one day, and on the next he can attain the same exalted state by the cheap expedient of drinking water!—Chatham's Journal.

## The Betrothal Ring.

The early history of the wedding ring is not easy to trace, as it was apt to be confused with the betrothal ring. This was once the more important of the two, for in the days of our forefathers

## Popularity of Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin has received one sort of monumental tribute to a degree second only to that of Washington. More towns and postoffices have been named after him than after any other man, even Washington himself, although the bestowal of the name Washington on the capital of the country transcends, of course, any of the similar honors accorded to Franklin.

Thirty-six places in the United States, in as many states and territories, bear the name of Franklin simply, and 34 others bear names into which the word enters in combination, such as Franklin, Franklinville, Franklin Falls, and so on. As against this there are 27 Jacksons in the country, 20 Washingtons and 23 Jeffersons.

Thirty-one counties bear the name of Washington, 24 the name of Franklin, 23 the name of Jefferson, and 22 the name of Jackson.

The naming of the first town for Franklin was regarded by him as a great honor. This was in 1775, during the Revolutionary war. The town of Wrentham, Mass., was divided, one part of it taking the name of the celebrated diplomatist and philosopher. In recognition of the honor, Franklin presented the new town with a bell for its church.—Youth's Companion.

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## GLEANINGS.

The human voice can, in a few cases, utter 250 words a minute.

The shipyards of Great Britain, all working together, could turn out a big steamship every day of the year.

The historic Villiers pecan tree, near New Orleans, never bore fruit after General Pakenham was wounded and afterward buried beneath it.

Under Austria's poor law every man 60 years old is entitled to a pension equal to one-third the amount per day which he has earned during his working days.

A tramp's minimum income in England is over \$1 a day. At least, a tramp has declared in court that he did a bad day's work if he could not find 60 persons to give him a penny.

There are "poroxide" horses as well as women in old New York. Horses suitable for carriage work, save that they do not quite match in color, are now "chemically blondined" to the tint desired in a very few minutes.

Thousands of persons in Germany live literally "on straw," making it up into blankets, paniers, boxes, knickknacks, hats, bonnets, etc. Professional schools have even been founded, where the trade is taught in all its varieties.

A novel way of pairing guests at fashionable dinners has come into vogue in New York. The guests are masked, and each gentleman chooses a lady and escorts her to the dining room. When the soup is served, the guests unmask.

An exhibition of everything relating to the industry of printing books is to be held at Mainz next June by way of celebrating the five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gutenberg. The intention is to make the exposition permanent in a museum.

## THE CENSOR.

We may soon hear of rewards bestowed for stopping runaway automobiles.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The price of milk has gone up, but it is nothing to the price that water commands—on the Stock Exchange.—Dry Goods Economist.

The latest twins to arrive in New York have been named Thomas and Lipton. Quite likely they'll lift some cups appropriately inscribed.—Boston Herald.

That Oklahoma town which put itself on wheels and moved to a railway line certainly displayed true American grit up and glutiveness.—St. Louis Republic.

There's no danger of European yachtsmen leaving so much of our sailing model when the Columbia goes abroad to show her speed. They won't see far beyond her stern.—St. Louis Republic.

We are sure that the city of Lowell has found it as easy to ask for an increase of the peace fund to preserve the peace there under no license. Disorder seems to wait on that up there. Boston Herald.

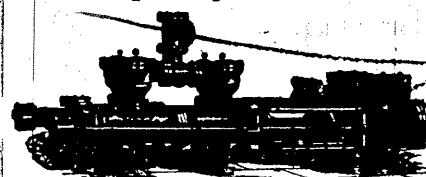
Katzen will so be desirably over the picture now being painted in the papers representing a two horse team hauling three cars of corn upon a truck. There should be at least six horses in the team.—Boston Herald.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Polish your floors, especially if you live in a flat, and cover them with oriental rugs.

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Dated at Hamilton this 2nd day of Jan. 1900.  
THEETZEL, HARRISON & LEWIS,  
Solicitors for Incorporators.

MORTGAGE SALE  
of Valuable  
DWELLING AND STORE PROPERTY

Keewatin, Ontario.  
UNDER POWER of sale contained in a certain Mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be sold by Public Auction at the Bay City Hotel, Keewatin, Ontario, by Howard James, Auctioneer, on Thursday, the 25th day of Jan'y A.D. 1900 at the hour of 12 O'clock noon, the following valuable Dwelling and Store Property, namely: ALL and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Municipality of Keewatin, and being lot Number Nine of in Block Number Fifty-Three 53 as shown on Plan of said Municipality made by J. Seager, O.L.S., and filed in the Registry Office at Rat Portage as Plan No. 18.

Upon the said premises is erected a two-story brick veneer building 18x48 feet, on stone foundation, suitable for a store and dwelling. The building is said to be in good repair. The lot is suitably situated on the south side of Front Street, in Keewatin.

Terms: Ten per cent. of purchase money at the time of sale and the balance in thirty days thereafter.  
For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to  
ALLAN McLENNAN, Esq.  
Barrister, etc., Rat Portage,  
Solicitor for the Vendors.  
Dated at Rat Portage this 13th day of December, A.D. 1900.

Sheriff's Sale  
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UNDER and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the District Court of the District of Rainy River, and to me directed and delivered, against the Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements of C. A. McDonald at the suit of D. W. Donohue.

I have seized and taken into execution the said C. A. McDonald's estate right, title and interest of, and to an undivided one-half interest in Mining Location No. 1000.

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**THE Peoples Forum**

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any  
opinions expressed by our correspondents.  
All letters must be accompanied with name  
of writer, not necessarily for publication,  
but as a guarantee of good faith.

Rat Portage, Jan. 16, 1900.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir,—Herewith I beg to hand  
you for publication the report of the  
Royal Jubilee Hospital for the week  
ending January 13:

Patients under treatment Jan 6..... 11  
Admitted during week..... 3  
Discharged..... 1  
Death..... 2

You will observe that during the  
week there were two deaths, and in  
justice to the matron, Miss Somerville,  
and the hospital staff I would like to  
explain just how these deaths did  
occur.

One of the patients H. McRoney had  
been ill for some days and although  
asked by his friends to see a doctor he  
would not consent. At last when a  
doctor was called in he said plainly  
that it was too late and he could do  
nothing. As a last resource McRoney  
was taken to the hospital at 12 o'clock  
on Friday, 12th inst., and died Satur-  
day morning at 7:45.

In the other case the patient, Daniel  
McKay, had also been sick for some  
days and as a last resort also he was  
brought to the hospital at 21 o'clock  
midnight on Friday, 12th, and died  
next day at 12.

Both patients were in the last  
stage of pneumonia when admitted  
and in a dying state.

Now, sir, since the hospital has been  
opened I have frequently heard people  
say that they would never go to the  
hospital as they would be sure to die,  
and in fact I have had some very warm  
arguments on this subject. However,  
I am glad to say that today I could  
point out people who have entirely  
changed their opinion, and I believe it  
would be the first thing they would  
ask if they did fall sick, that is, to be  
taken to the hospital. Our record for  
1898 was very good indeed, and if any  
of those interested in the working of  
the institution will attend the annual  
meeting which will shortly be held  
they will find that our record for 1899  
is still better. I think the citizens of  
Rat Portage ought to be proud of this  
institution. Some marvellous cures  
have been effected which no doubt in a  
great measure is attributable to care-  
ful nursing.

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The great interest which has been  
manifested in the recent sale of the  
Sultana mine leads us to publish the  
following, which was taken from the  
London Daily Telegraph. It was pub-  
lished for public information only as  
sufficient working capital was sub-  
scribed by the directors and their  
friends. It will be noticed that Mr.  
John F. Caldwell, the late owner of  
the mine, accepted payment of the  
whole of the purchase price of the  
property in fully paid shares.

The Sultana Mine of Canada, Limited,  
incorporated under the Companies  
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275,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, of  
which £50,000 is reserved for working  
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tana Island, in the Lake of the Woods  
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The mine is distant seven miles from  
Rat Portage, which is an important  
town on the Canadian Pacific railway.

mill an annual profit of \$800,000 and  
upwards should be obtained.

"Accompanying this report are maps  
and plans showing the position of the  
Sultana mine with reference to the  
Canadian Pacific railway, also the  
position and course of the ore-bearing  
formation, together with a plate show-  
ing the underground workings. In  
Shaft No. 1, which is the deepest shaft  
on the property, having reached a  
depth of 441 feet.

"Reference to Plate No. 1 will show  
the advantageous location of the mine  
for the purpose of securing cheap fuel  
which is obtained from the numerous  
and near-by islands, the greater num-  
ber of which are covered with a thrifty  
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about \$2.50 per cord laid down at the  
mine. Long timber is also obtained  
from the same source, and lumber is  
supplied from the saw-mills at Rat  
Portage at about \$12.00 per thousand  
feet, board measure. The supply of  
both fuel and lumber for mining pur-  
poses is practically inexhaustible.

"Plate No. 2 shows the several ore  
bodies or zones designated as Sultana  
Vein No. 1, Sultana Vein No. 2, Gagne  
Vein, Pasha Vein and North Bay  
Vein, all of which may be considered  
as being enclosed between the walls of  
a contact vein having a course of  
N. 23 deg. 35 min. E., and a north-  
westerly dip of about 15 deg. from the  
vertical. The hanging wall of this  
vein contact vein, represented by  
coarse-grained granitoid gneiss of  
Laurentian age, appears to skirt along  
the westerly shore of Location X. 42,  
passing west of the entrance to the  
open cut and west of the Pasha Vein.  
The foot wall consists of chlorite and  
mica schists, merging into slaty green-  
stones or altered trap, enclosing in  
places porphyritic gneiss, and covers  
the greater portion of X.43, but appears  
to have a line of contact the easterly  
limits of the North Bay vein, passing  
southwesterly, just touching the  
southeast corner of Location X.42.

"At a general point on Location X.42,  
Sultana Shaft No. 1—see Plate No. 3—  
has been sunk to a depth of 451 feet,  
following a rich ore chute of large  
dimensions. In the workings the ore  
has been mined to a width of 40 feet in  
places, and the richer portions above  
the sixth level have been taken out,  
leaving, however, a large amount of  
ore suitable for milling at a satisfac-  
tory profit with a milling plant of 30  
tamps. This ore chute in the shaft  
bottom still maintains a width of 20  
feet and a length of over 100 feet, with  
an average of value over \$20 gold per  
ton, and the present indications warrant  
the belief that the chute will  
widen at greater depth is attained.

"From the underground workings  
of Shaft No. 1, drifts are now being ex-  
tended to develop other known pay  
chutes, as well as to explore the ground  
north and south.

"From a point in the first level,  
about 150 feet south of shaft, a cross-  
cut has been made connecting the  
mine with the Air Shaft No. 2. Here  
a mass of high grade galena ore has  
been encountered which gives promise  
of developing into a large body of ore.  
The assay value of this ore varied from  
\$80. to \$150. per ton. A large sample  
of shipping ore, taken by me from this  
point upon assay showed a value  
of \$212.42 gold per ton. This ore can  
be hand sorted and shipped to a smel-  
ter without further treatment.

"The Gagne Vein occupies a posi-

in the engine room of the mill and one  
engineer attends to both the mill en-  
gine and the air compressor.

"The compressor is of the duplex,  
condensing type, the cylinders of  
which are 14 inches and 18 inches in  
diameter, with an 18 inch stroke, and  
is rated to operate six No. 3 L.G. Rand  
drills. There is also on the ground a  
small straight-line air compressor rated  
to operate three drills.

"The stamp mill is of latest construc-  
tion, and of the modern California  
type. It consists of 30 stamps in three  
batteries of 10 stamps each, and each  
stamp weighs 900 lb. The ore enters  
the mill by means of a self-dumping  
car which runs up an incline from the  
No. 1 shaft-house. The ore then passes  
a 'Grizzly', the coarser part entering  
a No. 3 Gates Crusher and delivered  
to the ore bins below. From the ore  
bins the ore enters six Imperial Chal-  
lenge Feeders which deliver the ore to  
the stamps. Amalgamation is effec-  
ted both inside the battery and on out-  
side the apron plates, is conducted to  
six latest improved Frue Vanning ma-  
chines fitted with endless corrugated  
rubber belts, each 6 ft. wide.

"The power to operate the mill is de-  
rived from an engine of the Cordis  
type, the cylinder of which is 14 in. by  
36 in. The nominal rated horse-power  
of this engine is 120 h.p.

"The steam plant consists of a bat-  
tery of three boilers, two of which are  
new and have a rated capacity of 100 h.p.  
each, while the third has a capacity of  
60 h.p.

"In connection with the mill and  
distant from it about 400 ft., the mine  
is provided with a chlorination mill  
and roaster, for the treatment of the  
concentrates from the Frue Vanners,  
and has a capacity for treating six tons  
of concentrates in 24 hours.

"The milling capacity of the present  
installation is about 2,000 tons per  
month. The following data I quote  
from the record of the mill:

"Assay value of feed ore—gold per  
ton \$10 to \$20.

"Amalgamation extractions of ore  
values, 35 to 90 per cent.

"Tailings, values per ton of ore  
treated, 40 cents to 81.

"Concentrates, 1, 1½, to 2 per cent.

"Chlorination extraction of concen-  
trates, 85 to 90 per cent.

"The mine is further provided with a  
bullion melting room and assay office,  
with complete equipment. A two-  
forge blacksmith shop, machine shop,  
miners' dry-house, mine office and  
club room for men, commodious and  
comfortable boarding-house, large and  
roomy stable, with capacity of storing  
one year's supply of feed for six teams.  
11 dwelling houses for employees of  
the company having families.

"The buildings are heated by steam  
and lighted by electricity, and the  
plant is protected by an efficient fire  
hose and chemical equipment, by  
means of which all points can be  
quickly reached and controlled in the  
event of an outbreak by fire.

"For the purpose of communicating  
with Rat Portage during the season of  
navigation about six months of the  
year the company own a steam  
launch, which can make the run of  
seven miles in 10 minutes.

"For the purpose of handling heavy  
freight a suitable barge, the property  
of the company, is used.

**ASSAYS.**

For the purpose of determining the  
assay values of Sultana ores 'in place,'

**A Chance Not to be Lost**

HERE IT IS:

**Apples** TALMAN SWEETS, \$3 25 per bbl  
OTHER VARIETIES, 3.50

We have a few odd lines of CROCKERY that must be  
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Platters in 4 Sizes..... 20 per cent. Discount.

3 lbs. of Ginger Snaps, 25c.

Don't forget our Teas and Coffees.

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Look around, but see us before you purchase.  
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**\$6,000.00 worth of Fine and Medium Furniture**

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SECOND ST. PHONE 33.

aken to the hospital. Our record for 1908 was very good indeed, and if any of those interested in the working of the institution will attend the annual meeting which will shortly be held they will find that our record for 1909 is still better. I think the citizens of Rat Portage ought to be proud of this institution. Some marvellous cures have been effected which no doubt in a great manner is attributable to careful nursing.

However, we have one great drawback, and that is want of room. Surely it is about time the people of this prosperous town would see the necessity of enlarging the hospital. Just look at last fall when typhoid fever was so prevalent here. If the hospital had been twice as large there would have been still sufficient space for those who ought to have been there. I trust this matter will be taken up in the spring, and if the hospital is enlarged and a training school established one of the greatest difficulties will be overcome, which is to get pupil nurses to remain. In conclusion I would ask anyone that wishes to inspect the hospital register, which I will be pleased to show them, and they will find that in two-thirds of the deaths that have occurred in the institution the cases were pupils-as when admitted, and I only thought it just to the hospital staff to state how these last two deaths did actually occur.

Thanking you for the space,  
Yours truly,  
RICHARD THOMPSON  
Secretary.

## WITH THE CONTINGENT.

Another Letter From Gunner H. A. Hodgins, at Kingston, Ont.  
Kingston, Jan. 19, 1909.

Editor Rat Portage Miner:

Dear Sir, We are still holding on at drill at Lett's point, barracks here. Have full parade every day now. The boys are all anxious for the word to come to go. Would have gone earlier only transport Montezuma was rejected. Latest orders are to stand fast; that the Milwaukee has been chartered, but it may be all a con game at least 10 days before we leave. It would not seem so bad had they not ordered us to leave Winnipeg on such short notice. Will write you if possible day before we sail from Halifax. All of us boys from the west are suffering from colds, but none of us have lost heart enough to ask to be put on the sick list. A full guard is kept on all day and night now here.

One young man named Rawlinson, from Toronto, died from the effects of a kick received at riding exercise last week. Also another man named Wallace, from Toronto, was taken from the barracks hospital to Toronto hospital yesterday suffering from pneumonia. He is not expected to recover. It makes it rather sad to think of these poor fellows, offering their services and their lives as it were, even before we sailed, to be cut off.

I will endeavor to keep the town I represent with a short but true report of our doings by sea and land, and trust that at some future date I may write something that will be interesting to the people of the west. In connection with our own particular boys and the manner in which they did their part in the defending of the flag with a mile in South Africa.

H. A. HODGINS.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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Secretary and Offices—Hugh C. Rabidge, Esq., 82 Poultry E.C.

## PROSPECTS.

This company was formed and incorporated in July, 1890, to acquire, further develop, and work the well-known Sultana mine, situated on Sultana Island, in the Lake of the Woods Gold Fields of Ontario, Canada.

The mine is distant seven miles from Rat Portage, which is an important town on the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway, and is easily accessible by water communication in summer, and by road in winter. The company have been in possession of the mine since August 12th last.

The directors caused an exhaustive examination of the property to be made on behalf of the company by Mr. William M. Strong, M.E., who reports as follows:

"Rat Portage, Ont., Aug. 14th, 1890.  
"To the Directors of the Sultana mine of Ontario, Can., Limited.

"Gentlemen—In accordance with your instructions, I have made an examination of the Sultana mine, and herewith hand you my report:

## LOCATION.

"The mine is situated on the shore of the Lake of the Woods, province of Ontario, Canada, and is in direct water connection with Rat Portage, a town of about 6,000 population, on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway, and distant about seven miles. The largest freight boats, plying on the Lake of the Woods and land at the Sultana docks.

## PROPERTY.

"The Sultana mine comprises the mining locations described by the Government Survey as 1242, N33, and 1250, having a total area of 95.810 acres more or less.

## TITLE.

"The title to the property is perfect, and directly from the Crown.

## ORE.

"The ore bodies at the Sultana mine are enclosed between the walls of a typical contact vein which courses the property in a north-easterly direction, and by surface exposures of ore, together with underground development to a depth of 441 feet, is shown to have great lateral extent and permanency in depth. The total value of ore mined and milled to date amounts to over \$375,000 as shown by United States Government Mine Certificates, and vouches for by the Imperial Bank of Canada, Rat Portage, Ontario, through which agency the bullion product of the mine has been handled.

"The mill value of Sultana ore is shown by actual crushing of a large tonnage of ore to average about \$15.00 per ton.

"The cost of working is proven by actual results not to exceed \$2.50 per ton of ore treated, leaving all values in excess of this amount as profit.

"The property is a going concern, equipped with strictly up-to-date and first-class mining and milling plant, buildings and fixtures, requiring only further systematic and liberal development to not only maintain the past profitable history of the mine, but by the judicious enlargement of the plant, as development of the underground resources of the mine proceeds, obtain greatly increased profits.

"I estimate that with the present equipment, six men's development work sinking No. 1 shaft, drifting in the ore, and developing other resources of value, will be capable of earning a net profit of \$250,000 per annum, and with further development and an increase in the complete plant, and

cut has been made connecting the mine with the Air Shaft No. 2. Here a mass of high grade galena ore has been encountered which gives promise of developing into a large body of ore. The assay value of this ore varied from \$80. to \$150. per ton. A large sample of shipping ore, taken by me from this point upon assay showed a value of \$242.32 gold per ton. This ore can be hand sorted and shipped to a smelter without further treatment.

"The Gagne Vein occupies a position between the Sultana Vein No. 2, just described, and Sultana Vein No. 1 and while from 2ft. to 3ft. wide, carries high values, and appears to make a junction with Sultana Veins No. 1 and 2. At such junction points, rich ore is usually sought for and often found.

"On the Pasha Vein, near the north end, a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 50ft. in heavily mineralized quartz and mixed ore, encountering low values, but the appearance of the formation at this point would warrant extensive exploration in the expectation of disclosing richer ore.

"East from the Pasha Vein and on Location N43 is found the North Bay Vein, which shows a strong continuous body of mineralized quartz and mixed ore, but as yet no work has been done to develop the ground.

"In addition to the ore bodies mentioned, and indicated by yellow shading on Plate No. 2, there are a number of promising outcroppings of quartz showing low values but meriting exploration.

"The ore bodies of the Sultana Mine in their character and manner of occurrence, bearing a striking resemblance in general to the ore bodies of the great mines on the 'Mother Lode' of California, and from personal experience there I am of the opinion that the Sultana Mine will have a record, when a depth of 2,000 ft. or more is reached, similar to that of successful California mines of an equal depth at the present time, i.e., the rich ore grades will continue on downward, maintaining their average size and values, and the lower levels will be found to be as rich as the upper ones.

## EQUIPMENT.

"Shaft No. 1.—7ft. by 38ft., and 141ft. in depth, has been cased off for a main way, and equipped with ladders, as required by the Mines Act of the Government of Ontario.

"The hoisting plant consists of a double drum, double cylinder, link motion, winding engine with double break levers, and has the following dimensions: (Here follows a list of measurements.)

"The shaft is equipped with a 25 ton self-dumping skip with steel wire rope lin. in diameter. The skip-rod is well and safely constructed, and fitted with steel track rails and substantial back stringers or guides to prevent the skip from jumping the track in the shaft.

"The shaft is well ventilated by means of two air-shafts, and is provided with a suitable pumping equipment which handles easily all water that finds its way into the mine. The winding engine, having duplicate drums will admit of placing two skips in the shaft for operating at such times as the increase in milling equipment may exceed the capacity of the present hoisting plant.

"Pasha Shaft.—Has reached a depth of 50ft., and is fitted with suitable head-works, and is provided with a line of sheaves supported on poles for the purpose of carrying a steel hoisting rope and operating the same by means of a small hoisting engine in the engine room of Shaft No. 1.

"The air compressor plant is located

"For the purpose of communicating with Rat Portage during the season of navigation—about six months of the year—the company own a steam launch, which can make the run of seven miles in 40 minutes.

"For the purpose of handling heavy freight a suitable barge, the property of the company, is used.

## ASSAYS.

"For the purpose of determining the assay values of Sultana ore 'in place,' I obtained samples from various levels in shaft No. 1, and from surface exposures of ores at other points on the property. The samples were taken to be representative of ore remaining in the mine, and upon assay gave the following gold values per ton of 2,000 lb. average.

Here follows a list of 25 assays of ore from different parts of the mine, the average of which, after eliminating the highest, gives an average assay value of \$16.37, or over 43 per ton of 2,000 lb.

## CONCLUSIONS.

"In view of the facts set forth in this report, I am of the opinion that the Sultana Mine, with sufficient capital for the purpose of development, and a policy of active operation, will be in a position at an early date to return large dividends to the shareholders.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) WM. M. STRONG, M.E.

Acting upon Mr. Strong's suggestions the directors have allowed the mill to be temporarily shut down for the purpose of making necessary alterations with a view to increasing its capacity and in order to push forward the development of the ore bodies. There are now 9 rock drills at work on development, and the directors are so well satisfied with the progress of the work that they confidently expect that when the mill is restarted there will be a large tonnage of payable ore opened out.

The high grade galena ore mentioned in Mr. Strong's report appears to be a recent discovery, as the directors had no knowledge of it at the time of the purchase. The manager is now sinking a shaft from which he intends to cross-cut it at a depth of 60 feet.

It is the intention of the directors to erect additional stamps as soon as the mine is sufficiently developed to justify them in doing so.

Repeated reference is made to the Sultana mine in the reports of the Bureau of Mines of Ontario, published by order of the provincial legislature, and extracts therefrom are printed with the prospectus.

The vendor, Mr. John P. Caldwell, fixed the purchase price for the mine at \$225,000, which sum has been satisfied by the allotment of 225,000 fully-paid ordinary shares of the company, and the property is vested in the company.

Three contracts, severally dated the 26th day of July, 1890, have been entered into between the said vendor and the company, which may be inspected at the London offices of the solicitors of the company.

At the request of the vendor the directors in their personal capacity have severally subscribed a portion of the share capital required for providing the working expenses of the company and for so doing have received in common with other persons certain profits from the vendor.

Application for a settlement on the London Stock Exchange will be made in due course.

Prospectures may be obtained at the offices of the company or from the solicitors.

London, Nov. 27, 1890.

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WILL STOP IT.

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## Johnson's Pharmacy

## Our Sporting Column

### Rat Portage Defeated.

Last Saturday night the game between Rat Portage and Brandon promised to be fast and clean. But it proved to be neither. One of the Brandon players, Nicklin, had been checked several times by Martin near the end of the final half. He proceeded to strike the lad on the cheek with his stick. This caused the crowd to jump over the rail and the Brandon players went off the ice. They were not made to suffer any handicap on this account and in the meantime regained their wind. They played for a few minutes more when Nicklin was struck with the puck and put out of the game. Instead of taking a man off of the Rat Portage team to offset the loss to Brandon, the Rat Portage boys let Brandon put on a new man, Joe Hall, who was fresh and did great work. This proved to be the Waterloo of Rat Portage for all the goals scored by Brandon after he came on the ice were scored by Hall. The final score was 4 for Brandon, but the Rat Portage boys were again on the winning streak when the game sounded. It would seem that the home boys were very much against it in this game, but they will learn.

Monday night the Victorias of Winnipeg are expected down to wipe the ice with Rat Portage. Of course our boys will object to such treatment with extreme voodiferousness, and we think the Vics will have to run before they find it a walk away. It is expected that John Nunn will play the

## TWO BIG BANQUETS.

(Continued from page 1.)

say quite a little and was warmly applauded.

Mr. Cuthbert gave a recitation and Mr. Carpenter sang "Kind as Mary." After proposing toasts to the president, vice-president and the secretary by Judge, Chapple, which were heartily joined in by the guests, in the course of whose remarks reference was made to the fact that no club would be possible without a president and no supper without a vice-president, the company sang Auld Lang Syne. After singing God Save the Queen, all went to their homes.

One thing that was especially noticeable was the enthusiasm and patriotism of all the speakers, and the way in which they referred to Canada's loyalty. All were confident in the final success of British arms and expected that the end would be soon now.

Altogether the Cudling Club banquet was a great success and passed off very smoothly. The dinner itself was fine and there was not a number on the program that was poor. From now on we suppose the boys will be "scooping" it up harder than ever.

### Old Timers Banquet.

Tuesday evening the Old Timers Association of Rat Portage held their second annual adjourned meeting in the Hilliard Assembly rooms. A letter of condolence was sent to J. H. Hennessey, who recently lost a brother, and also one to Mrs. Hughes accompanying the letter as a token of heartfelt sympathy was a purse containing \$26.50 which was collected at the meeting. The officers elected for the ensuing year are President G. A. Kobold, Vice-President Geo. Barnes, 2nd Vice-President Dr. McDowell, 3rd Vice-President H. Rideout, Executive Committee, Wm. Young, M. Nicholson, C. W. Belyea, Louis Hilliard, W. A. McLeod, A. J. Parsons and A. S. Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer Geo. P. Phillips, Chairman John Kay. After the meeting in the opera house the association adjourned to the Hilliard house where Steward Creary, acting on orders from Mr. Hilliard, spared no expense in providing the best food affords. The hit of the evening, so a good many said, as it seemed to hit the spot, was the Old Timers' punch, and was said by the boys to be quite appropriate, viz. frozen whiskey. During the meal the spirit of good fellowship prevailed and good humor was everywhere present. After the President's address a new little speech by Mr. Kobold the Queen was proposed. Mr. Kyle sang with this band of "Soldiers of the Queen."

Mr. Frisbie the C. S. Consul, replied to the toast "The President of the United States and our American Cousins." He made a short speech and dwelt upon the fact that Americans were interested in the struggle and that he himself, looked to see England and the cause of justice and freedom victorious.

The Old Timers' quartette then sang Marching Through Georgia. The "Empire, Army and Navy" was discussed by Judge Chapple and Messrs. Chapman and Horswill. The former dwelt upon the fact that his relations were soldiers, hence he had the martial spirit. He made a very patriotic

of the company is very gratifying and predicts a great and profitable future for the mine.

Mr. J. C. Blum is a brother of Mr. Anthony Blum, who was in the district a few years ago. The directors of the Twentieth Century Trading Co. are as follows: Anthony Blum, Pres.; David S. Stanley, Vice-Pres.; W. E. Smalley, Sec. Treas.; Hon. Leonidas P. Livingston, Augustus Trudo, M. E. The directorate is good and the company is well provided with funds to continue the work.

### Nino Mine.

Mr. Reynolds, of the Great Granite Gold Mining Company started several teams out with supplies and men for the Nino mine on Li Lake recently sold by Messrs. Scovill and Moore. This crew will bring the entire force at the mine up to fifteen men. The work of camp building will first keep the men busy. When the camps are erected and comfortable quarters have been erected for the men, the work of driving a tunnel will be started. It will be possible to strike the two parallel veins 100 feet below the surface. The present owners will spare no efforts to carry the development to its complete a stage as possible, and it is the intention to keep the work rushing from now on. The property certainly affords excellent show for exploitation and as it is thought also to be one of the great merit, it should go to the front rapidly with the present management behind it.

### Victor Mining Company.

At the annual meeting of the Victor Gold Mining Company of Ontario, Limited, held at the head office, Rat Portage, Jan. 10, 1900, the following directors were elected: J. W. Humble, J. A. McCrossan, A. T. Fife, G. A. Kobold, H. Rideout, G. Ritch and Mr. Bird. Officers: J. W. Humble, president; H. Rideout, vice-president; J. A. McCrossan, secretary-treasurer.

## A Skin Beautifier

Of Inestimable Value, which Positively Cures Pimples, Blackheads, Eczema and every form of Skin Disease, is Dr. Chase's Ointment.

As great as may be the difference of opinion as to the various types of beauty, no one can see beauty in a face that is disfigured by pimples and blackheads or marred by traces of eczema or other skin diseases.

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Eczema, or Salt Itch, may be taken as the most severe form of skin diseases which mar beauty and cause terrible itching and burning sensations. That Dr. Chase's Ointment has cured the worst cases of eczema on record is well known. No preparation is of such inestimable value in a woman's toilet, for besides curing the pimples that are usually troublesome at regular intervals, it gives instant relief to

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WANTED—A general servant. Apply to Mrs. Cox C. Miner office.

FOUND—A brass key on the bay. Finder can have same by paying for this advertisement. Miner Office.

FOR SALE—Two Bedroom Sets, 1 Single Brass Bedstead. Apply at Bellevue, Main street.

FOR SALE—One good violin, nearly new, for sale cheap. For particulars apply at W. A. Ferguson's jewelry store.

WANTED—One hundred cords of wood hauled from the bush to the Scovill and Clougher blocks, distance three and one-half miles. C. W. Chadwick.

TWO RENT—The store on Main street two doors from Electric Light Co. building formerly used as a restaurant. Apply to J. Nickless, next door.

LOST—A three-quarter grown fox terrier pig, body all white, head black and brown. Finder return to Bert Griffith's livery barn and receive five dollars reward.

POSITION WANTED—Responsible party having had 13 years experience and can furnish best of references as to ability, wishes to get mining camp where he could board men at his own expense. Enquire at this office.

### INSTRUCTIONS.

SHORTLAND Class, Monday and Thursday evenings, 7 p.m., commencing Monday Jan. 15. French Classes resume Tuesday Jan. 9. Kindergarten Class (children under ten) commencing Saturday, Jan. 13. Private lessons in French and German, Music and English Subjects.

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Upon his cello late, the forest trees  
Were so enraptured of the melodies  
They gathered round him charmed and transfixed.  
But the trim birch, in sober self-surround,  
Demanding a finer dress would better please,  
Withdrew, and, while she tarried, on the breeze  
The lone's last echo vanished from the glade.

Expectant still, she patiently awaits  
In silver silence through the long dim years  
Those wonder waves of harmony again.  
But, ah, the gods, with their large loves and  
Jests,  
Their joys, their cares, their tumults and their  
tears,  
Are gone forever from the paths of men.  
—Critic.

Life's Possibilities

BY EDGAR TEMPLE FIELD.

It was at the Waldorf-Astoria during  
dinner show time and the dinner hour,  
the busiest time of the whole day at  
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Uniformed attendants flew here and  
there in breathless haste, waiters and  
commisbusers hovered distractedly  
about the flower bedecked tables in  
the grand dining saloon and the palm  
garden, and through the rich corridors  
flowed a ceaseless stream of elegant  
women in trailing silken gowns and  
prosperous looking men in Tuxedos or  
tailor-made frocks cut to reveal daz-  
zling segments of shirt front.

"The riot of luxury, festivity and en-  
joyment was at its height when two  
men met in the office—two men of 40  
—thereabout, with that indomitable  
or self-conscious power that marks  
the successful business man.

"By the gods, if it isn't Ned Frink!"  
exclaimed the taller of the two, stop-  
ping suddenly with outstretched hand.  
"Teller!" cried the other, joyfully  
gripping the proffered hand. "I'm glad  
to see you, old man."

In another moment the two, seated  
in a couple of the big, throne-like leath-  
er chairs which the Astor millions  
have provided for the purpose of at-  
tending and impressing the  
wealthy patrons, were giving an account  
of themselves in true American fas-  
hion.

"They had not seen each other since  
years before they had separated—  
four years of intimate compan-  
ionship at a fresh water college to go  
to and seek their fortunes after the  
fashion of western youth."  
"You have prospered, I hear," said  
Teller, "and have become an out and  
out New Yorker in fact and senti-  
ment."

"Oh, I've had my ups and downs,"  
replied Teller with a little laugh, "but  
I'm on top now! As for being a coun-  
tyman New Yorker, well, Mrs. Teller,  
the most eastern women doesn't care  
for the west. We've never even done  
a conventional trip to California—  
I prefer crossing the pond when  
I travel."

man prejudice you against the whole  
sex? Of course I don't know your  
story."

"It's not pleasant," said the other  
man, knocking the ashes from his  
cigar with nervous fingers. "It all  
happened the year I left college. I  
met a girl in Denver. She was beau-  
tiful and clever, and you're right about  
my being sentimental. Teller, I fancied  
because her eyes were pure and  
bright as the stars in heaven that she  
must be an angel. She was poor too.  
Her father was a drunkard, good for  
nothing fellow, and she was very un-  
happy, and I pitied her. As I was  
very far gone indeed. We were going  
to be married when I had made mon-  
ey enough, and meantime I was happy  
as well as happy as a fool."

"And then one day as we were walk-  
ing down the street together we met  
a man, a low fellow, with a broad mus-  
tache. I knew him. He was a shoe-  
string gambler who came down some-  
times from the mining camp and as  
rile a cur as ever breathed. To my  
amazement he stopped and spoke to  
me. 'What are you doing, with my  
wife?' he asked angrily. I supposed  
he'd been drinking and was about to  
brush him aside when I happened to  
look at her, and what I saw told me  
all. She was cowering before that  
beast, with every vestige of color gone  
from her face and her eyes fastened  
on him with such a look that in a flash  
I knew that her fear of him was no  
new thing with her."

"Great God, Lucy, I cried, 'tell me  
this isn't true!' But she only gave a  
little moan, and so I turned away and  
left them there. I never saw her  
again."

There was a moment's pause. The  
orchestra from its perch on the land-  
ing of the marble stairway was play-  
ing an air from "La Boheme," re-  
peating the refrain over and over  
again with passionate insistence.

"Isn't it possible there was some  
mistake?" asked Teller at last, a little  
awkwardly.

"No," said Frink in a hard voice.  
"Her father came to see me after-  
ward. She was getting a divorce  
quietly, he told me, and they had  
agreed to keep me in ignorance of the  
whole affair. Of course the black  
guard threatened to shoot me if I  
didn't marry his daughter, but when  
he saw I was not afraid of him he let  
me alone. They came easily after that,  
I believe."

"Perhaps she wasn't as much to  
blame as he," observed Teller thought-  
fully.

"Perhaps—she was very young. But  
such training in deceit doesn't turn  
out the women who make good wives,  
and divorced women are hardly in my  
line. No, there was no excuse for her,  
and it was only my luck. You fell in  
love with the right woman, and I fell  
in love with the wrong one—that's all."  
A woman came down the corridor as  
he spoke the last words, a tall, ele-  
gant woman, in a modish gown, whose  
gleaming folds clung closely to her  
slender figure. A boy of 20 or 25 years

HE LOST HIS BEST GIRL

And All Because He Couldn't Master  
the Trolley Car Walk.

"Going in and out of a moving street  
car gracefully ought to be part of a mod-  
ern education in deportment," said a man  
about town. "It is one of the most diffi-  
cult feats in the world and something at  
which 999 out of 1,000 are almost certain  
to make themselves ridiculous. I am pec-  
uliarly interested in the matter because  
it has resulted in a falling out with my  
best girl."

"About a week ago I got on board a St.  
Charles avenue car this side of Lee mon-  
ument and saw her sitting next to the  
door, in front. Of course I started in  
that direction, smiling and waving my  
hat as I did so, and just then the car  
took the curve around the base of the  
monument. I made three or four idiotic  
lurches, grabbed the empty air and dived  
head first into a fat old gentleman who  
was reading a newspaper. I must have  
knocked the breath out of the poor old  
chap, for he gasped like a fish, but I was  
conscious of it in a minute and would have  
made the rest of the trip to the end all  
right if the confounded curve hadn't been  
what is called a 'reverse'—that is to say,  
it crooks first one way and then the other  
like a letter S."

"I started on my second best exactly  
in time to catch the upper crook, and I  
promptly repeated my original perform-  
ance with variations. I wound up the act  
by falling over the knees of a stern look-  
ing matron in spectacles, and she re-  
marked in a tone audible to all hands  
that she couldn't understand why drunk-  
en men were permitted to ride with re-  
spectable people. The young lady was  
scarlet with mortification, and to avoid  
compromising her I sat down on the  
other side."

"In a moment or two my hated rival  
stomped in as gracefully as a dancing  
master and immediately monopolized her  
society. The fellow was broke once in  
the month and did a couple of months as  
a conductor, so he is on to the curve, and  
since the episode I have described he has  
frozen me completely out. As I said be-  
fore, the trolley car walk ought to be  
part of every gentleman's education. It's  
as necessary as dancing."—New Orleans  
Times-Democrat.

THE DESIRE TO JUMP.

An Unexpected Sensation Experi-  
enced by Many Persons.

Many persons who visit Niagara falls  
find they have a great desire to leap from  
various points on the several bridges or  
from one of the numerous points of ob-  
servation. For this reason, after once  
having experienced the fascinating sen-  
sation that comes upon one to death in  
the deep and rapid eddying waters, they  
never go near any of the seductive points  
without being in company with some one  
who will guard them from harm as a re-  
sult of what perhaps might be termed  
by some their weakness.

Many people who have visited Niagara  
have confessed that the waters of the  
beautiful river had a weird fascination  
for them while standing in places where  
death would be easy by simply letting go  
one's hold and slipping into the river,  
and people saved from suicide there have  
admitted that they knew no reason why  
they should end their lives, but the scene  
was so delightful that it coerced them to  
seek the peace of death there.

PALE PEOPLE

Have their blood enriched, their  
heart strengthened and their  
cheeks rosy by using Milburn's  
Heart and Nerve Pills.

Insufficient quantity or poor quality of  
the blood is one of the evil results that  
usually follow any derangement of the  
heart.

If the heart becomes weakened in any  
way it cannot pump the blood to the lungs  
as it should, there to be purified and im-  
pregnated with the life-giving oxygen.

As a result the  
blood deteriorates.  
It loses its nourish-  
ing, vitalizing,  
health-giving qual-  
ities. The face be-  
comes pale, thin  
and waxen, the lips  
bloodless, the hands  
and feet cool.

There is weak-  
ness, tiredness,  
shortness of breath and palpitation. When  
those suffering from thin or watery blood  
start taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve  
Pills they are assured of a cure. Every  
dose acts on the heart itself, causing it  
to beat strong, steady and regular.

Every dose, too, introduces into the  
blood these vital elements necessary to  
make it rich and red.

Soon the pale cheek takes on the rosy  
hue of health, there is strength instead of  
weakness, energy and activity take the  
place of tiredness and lassitude.

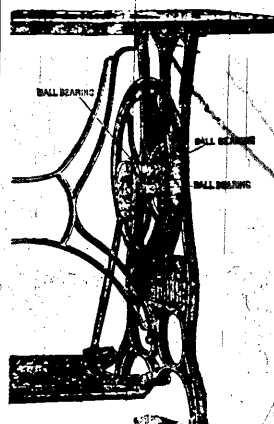
Miss M. Skillion, 50 Turner Street,  
Ottawa, Ont., says: "I was greatly  
troubled with my heart, together with  
extreme nervousness for many years.  
These complaints brought about great  
weakness and feeling of tiredness. My  
blood was of poor quality, so much so that I  
became pale and languid. Milburn's  
Heart and Nerve Pills cured me after all  
else failed. They built up my system,  
enriched my blood, strengthened my  
nerves and restored me to health."

The Cavalry Horse.

A veteran cavalry horse partakes of  
the hopes and fears of battle just the  
same as his rider. As the column  
swings into line and waits the horse  
grows nervous over the waiting. If  
the wait is spun out, he will tremble  
and sweat and grow apprehensive. If  
he has been six months in service, he  
knows every bugle call. As the call  
comes to advance the rider can feel  
him working at the bit with his tongue  
to get it between his teeth. As he  
moves out he will either seek to get on  
faster than he should or bolt. He can-  
not bolt, however. The lines will car-  
ry him forward, and after a minute he  
will grip, lay back his ears, and one  
can feel his sudden resolve to brave the  
worst and have done with it as soon as  
possible. A man seldom cries out  
when hit in the turmoil of battle. It  
is the same with a horse—Buffalo  
Horse World.

A Terrific Tumble.

Most marvelous of all the stories of  
great falls is the account of Charles  
Woolcott's terrific tumble from a height  
of no less than 3,000 feet. It was in



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"Oh, I've had my ups and downs," replied Teller with a little laugh, "but I'm on top now! As for being a confirmed New Yorker, well, Mrs. Teller, like most eastern women, doesn't care for the west. We've never even done the conventional trip to California. She prefers crossing the pond when we travel."

In the last words was all the complacency of the man who had had a hard fight of it and won, but Frink easily forgave the little touch of vanity. He had been through it all himself.

"Then there's a Mrs. Teller?" he said smiling.

"Oh, yes, and a Jack Teller the second!" replied the other. "You must see that boy, Ned?"

"I want to," said Frink, but something wistful in his voice struck his friend.

"And you?" he asked quickly. "Surely you've not remained single, my boy?"

"I've never married," was the brief reply.

"Why, you're the very fellow to have a romance. I should think," went on Teller. "You used to be a sentimental chap at college, always writing verses and all that."

Frink laughed.

"Yes, I had my romance," he said.

"Well, I'm sorry it doesn't seem to have had a happy ending," said Teller sincerely. "A wife is a great help to a man. I'd like to tell you before you meet her," he went on, bounding forward earnestly, "what mine has done for me. She's made a man of me and proved that I was worth the job. She's better than a wife to me. She's been my good, honest, loyal charm. There are not many men who can say that of their wives."

"So, I fancy not," assented Frink, smiling.

"It's wonderful the understanding she had of the way a man feels, an inexperienced girl like her," proceeded the other. "You see she was a stenographer in our office when I first met her, and I fell in love with her at first sight almost. I'd made a little pile, and when we were married I thought things were coming pretty much my way. But hard times set in, and I lost everything. For a long time it was hard work to get bread and butter, but that girl stood by me through thick and thin. When I was sick for a year with rheumatism, she went back to office work and kept me and the boy with what she earned with better a word of comfort or regret through it all. I tell you, old boy, she's got the stuff in her. All heroes are made of. Goodness knows where she got it, that courage of hers. I never asked her about her family, and she's not one to talk much, but I fancy they were or funny enough. I believe she came from the little town in New York state. I know she never had anything to do in her life. But now the struggle is over, and I can give her about as at the wants, thank God. I tell you, Ned, it's a pity you let one disappear and spoil your life. There's nothing so sweet as existence as the companionship of a good woman."

"And making poems like a bad one," said Frink bitterly.

"But surely the good ones outnumber the bad. Forgive me, Ned, but I find it rather narrow to let one woman

such training in deceit doesn't turn out the women who make good wives, and divorced women are hardly in my line. No, there was no excuse for her, and it was only my luck. I am fell in love with the right woman, and I fell in love with the wrong one—that's all."

A woman came down the corridor as he spoke the last words, a tall, elegant woman in a modish gown, whose gleaming folds clung closely to her slender figure. A boy of four years held her by the hand, and both looked out on the world with the same eyes, great, beautiful, gray eyes, at once proud and sad.

As the woman's eyes met Frink's they dilated suddenly, and she started with a sharp pain at his heart that caught his breath.

How had she come there just then—the very woman of whom he had been talking? As he started up Teller glanced around and then rose also with a happy smile.

"Ah, Lucille!" he cried. "I have met an old friend, Ned Frink! He must be your friend also. Ned, this is my wife."

The joyous pride in his friend's voice made Frink wince inwardly as he bowed ceremoniously.

"I'm very glad to meet Mr. Frink," she said calmly. How will he know her voice.

"You'll dine with us, I hope. Ned," called Teller over his shoulder as he started on with the boy.

"Thank you, no. I leave for Denver in half an hour," replied Frink.

Then a sudden surge in the crowd brought some one between them for a moment, and the woman turned to him abruptly.

The pitiful appeal in his eyes went straight to Frink's heart, and he felt his own eyes grow dim with tears.

"He does not know," she said simply.

"He never shall," cried Frink. —Chicago Herald.

#### An Unobliging Brother.

In writing to us to protest against the readiness with which criminals are pronounced by public opinion to be mentally deficient, "B. C." tells the following extraordinary story:

"Personally," he says, "I am acquainted with a case in which two sisters—the united annual income of whose husbands is not less than £4,000—have for years been trying to persuade a brother incapacitated by ill health from work to commit suicide. In order that they may be absolved from a yearly contribution of £50 toward his maintenance, at first I absolutely refused to believe that such heartless selfishness actually existed, until I was shown letters from one of the ladies in question, which left no further doubt in my mind."

"Yet," he adds, "if these sisters were to put an end to their brother's existence, there would be grounds to contend that the motive of pecuniary benefit was totally inadequate to account for such a crime, which must consequently be attributed to mental aberration."—London Chronicle.

#### Tommy's Spoke.

Minister—If any one present can show cause why this couple should not become man and wife, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

Tommy—I kin, misters. He thinks nauty's only 25, and she's 40.—Ohio State Journal.

Many people who have visited Niagara have confessed that the waters of the beautiful river had a weird fascination for them while standing in places where death would be easy by simply letting go one's hold and slipping into the river, and people saved from suicide there have admitted that they knew no reason why they should end their lives, but the scene was so delightful that it coaxed them to seek the peace of death there.

In other places than at Niagara the public comes in touch with folks who, when on an elevation, have a proneness to jump off, and for this reason they keep away from all such danger points. An interesting explanation of this desire is that given some years ago by Professor Lowe of the army balloon corps. He had frequently invited a newspaper correspondent to make an ascension with him, but each time the invitation was declined.

Later he told the professor of the temptation he had to jump from high places and that he feared making an ascent. For this he was laughed at, the professor stating that the reason people had such desires was that they were full of electricity; that the magnetic current in the earth was the attraction, and that what he was standing on carried the current. He also said that when up in a balloon the continuity was cut off. Finally the man made an ascension and found that the desire to jump was not present. It is a curious statement.—Philadelphia Record.

#### Big Things in Providence.

Providence has the largest silverware factory in the world, the largest screw factory, the largest manufactory for small tools and the largest file works. Perhaps it is especially unique in producing more jewelry than any other city in the United States and nearly as much as all the rest of the country combined.

There is no city which possesses so many separate and distinct shops for the manufacture of a single commodity as Providence does for the manufacture of jewelry. There are at least 250 separate factories devoted to the making of gold, silver, rolled plated, electroplated and brass jewelry and novelties. In addition the auxiliary industries for furnishing supplies of special labor to the jewelry factories number more than 75. Many of the jewelry shops are small, employing only ten or a dozen hands, while some employ as high as 300 and in one case 1,400.—Nashville American.

#### Breaking Main Springs.

The statement is made by many jewelers that it is their experience that they have many more main springs of watches to repair after a warm, humid day than at any other time. Others believe the breaking to be due to electric disturbances, stating that after an electrical storm they find that many of their customers bring their watches to them for repair. The sudden cooling and consequent contraction of the tightly wound watch spring, or main spring, caused by the removal of the watch from the body on a cool night following a warm day, is believed by some to account, in a measure, for the accidents in question. So far, however, no entirely satisfactory explanation of the difficulty has been suggested even by the most expert workmen in this line.

#### Not Throwing Away Money.

"It will cost you \$1," said the jeweler, inspecting the works of the timepiece through his eyeglasses. "To put this watch in thorough repair."

"Hand it back!" haughtily replied the young man on the outside of the counter. "I can get a new one for 98 cents."—Chicago Tribune.

All precious stones are "purified by a bath in honey, according to an old idea. Many curious notions are current in regard to gems, as, for instance, that the agate quenches thirst and if put into the mouth allays fever."

can feel his sudden resolve to brave the worst and have done with it as soon as possible. A man seldom cries out when hit in the turmoil of battle. It is the same with a horse.—Buffalo Horse World.

#### A Terrible Tumble.

Most marvelous of all the stories of great falls is the account of Charles Woolcott's terrible tumble from a height of no less than 3,000 feet. It was in Venezuela, and he was making a parachute descent. The parachute refused to open till within 100 or 200 feet from the ground. Then it spread out suddenly and split.

The unfortunate man crushed both ankles and both knees, broke his right thigh and hip, dislocated his spinal column and suffered other injuries. Yet after a year in a hospital he recovered sufficiently to write an account of what was probably the most fearful accident mortal man ever survived.

#### Restful.

They had been sitting together for half an hour.

"I have enjoyed our conversation so much," she exclaimed, as she rose to go. "It is so restful to talk with you."

And after she had left him he remembered that he hadn't been able to get in two words edgewise throughout the whole conversation.—Somerville Journal.

#### A Grave Request.

A solicitor in a Georgia court is responsible for the following:

He overheard a conversation between his cook and a nurse, who were discussing a recent funeral of a member of their race, at which there had been a great profusion of flowers. The nurse said:

"When I die, don't plant no flowers on my grave, but plant a good old watermelon vine, and when it gets ripe you come dar, on de grave and let dat good old juice dribble down through de ground."—Youth's Companion.

## Agony of Eczema.

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Boys, are ye calling a toast tonight?  
(Hear what the sea wind saith.)  
Fill for a bumper strong and bright,  
And here's to Admiral Death!  
He's sailed in a hundred builds of boat,  
He's fought in a thousand kinds of coat,  
He's the senior flag of all that float,  
And his name's Admiral Death.

Which of you looks for a service free?  
(Hear what the sea wind saith.)  
The rules of the service are but three  
When ye sail with Admiral Death.  
Steady your hand in time of squall,  
Stand to the last by him that falls  
And answer clear to the voice that calls:  
"Aye, aye! Admiral Death!"

How will ye know him among the rust?  
(Hear what the sea wind saith.)  
By the glint of the stars that cover his breast  
Ye may find Admiral Death.  
By the forehead grim with an ancient scar,  
By the voice that rolls like thunder far,  
By the tenderest eyes of all that are,  
Ye may know Admiral Death.

Where are the lads that sailed before?  
(Hear what the sea wind saith.)  
Their bones are white by many a shore,  
They sleep with Admiral Death.  
Oh, but they loved him, young and old,  
For he led the laggard and took the bold,  
And the light was fought, and the story's told,  
And they sleep with Admiral Death!  
—Henry Newbolt in "The Island Race."

## DURING THE NIGHT.

A Lodger Wakes and Smells Gas.  
Nobody In the House and a  
General Mystery.

BY NEIL WYNN WILLIAMS.

I have an affinity for awkward predicaments, and to submit to what is popularly known as an "experience" is, if not exactly my daily lot in life, my very frequent fate. For the one that I am about to describe I paid half a crown. The sensations that that half crown brought to me were in excess of what I had anticipated and strained every nerve in my body. Yet I am not a fool, and no one is in his own estimation.

'Twas a November day; the time, 9 o'clock in the evening. I was in a London street and had just viewed to my satisfaction a bow window in which was hung up a card with "Apartments to Let" printed upon it. With the knowledge that I wanted a bed for the night and with the card before me, what could be more natural and within the ordinary lot of man than to ascend the flight of steps that lay before me, knock, ring, enter and secure a bed for half a crown, paid in advance? To my mind there was such a plethora of vulgar incident in this that I remember the transaction but dimly. That I was received by a landlady (she was middle aged, I think) and escorted by her to a comfortable bedroom on the second floor, that I was left there with pen and ink, that I scribbled for some writing paper and was waited upon by a girl who said that she would ask her father for some, that when she had brought it to me I wrote several letters and afterward went to bed—all

ing around me, and only me. Ah, there is a foul evil in the night, away, and out, out of the house!"

With a rush I fought my way up step by step to the hall above and groped toward the dim light shining pallidly through a narrow glass window above the door. "Will it be locked?" I thought fearfully to myself. "Is there not something following on my track?" I turned the handle and pulled it fiercely toward me. The door yielded, and I rushed into the open.

"Anything wrong, sir?" And with the words came a broad flash of light which, settling momentarily on my face, dropped as quickly to my bare feet and back again. "Anything wrong, sir?" And the voice drew closer, the light flashing past me into the dark hall behind. Then the outline of a helmet and cloak loomed darkly upon me, and I found my voice in the presence of a constable of the law.

"Yes; the house is full of gas, and they're gone. I might have been suffocated. Perhaps they wanted to suffocate me. I don't know—I—"

"Who've gone? What's their name?" the constable interrupted abruptly.

"The landlady—the landlady—the daughter. I don't know their names, but look here, constable," and I proceeded to give my late "experience" to him in a word of words.

The man evidently did not know what interpretation to place upon either me or my story, and small wonder, I hardly knew myself, but extinguishing his lantern proposed that we research the house together. Thus we did carefully and cautiously. At the initial stage of our exploration we, or rather he, discovered that the hall gas burner was turned on full and the gas issuing from it at a high pressure. "Might have been blown out by the draft," suggested the constable as he turned into a sitting room, which I had already searched, and there open his windows to sweeten the atmosphere. "Yes, it might," I assented, "especially if it was left lighted, by the hall door, which, by the by, was unbolts when I came down stairs."

But to make a long story a short one, there was nobody in the house! Not a living thing, with the exception of a dog chained up in the back yard, which was surrounded, so far as we could see, by high walls. This was the poor brute whose mournful howling had first aroused me and that now seemed to me with joy at the delusive prospect of a social termination to his gloomy reflections. With the discovery of the dog and the yard our search ended, and the constable intimated to me that he should summon additional assistance. A shrill call on his whistle from the hall door translated the decision into action, and with the arrival of another constable upon the scene I was called upon for a fresh explanation. The second official held threw no more light upon the case than the first, but offered a suggestion. "Let's knock up the neighbors, please they know summat about it."

To the right and back and then to the left went that constable. Rat-a-tat, rat-a-tat went the knockers. Up went windows; out came heads, which



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Mr. M. Seegmiller left Wednesday morning for California going via Vancouver on a pleasure trip. He will be gone about six weeks.

Mr. N. McMillan, manager of the Mikado mine has arrived from his eastern trip much improved in appearance.

Miss Madie Moor returned last week from her visit in Winnipeg.

Mr. Chas. P. McQueen of Winnipeg is spending a few days in town this week.

Mr. McGregor of the Ontario Powder Company was in Fort William a few days last week.

Fred W. Burritt, who made his home in Rat Portage for several years and is well known here, leaves for South Africa with the second contingent.

Rev. J. Poltras went to Winnipeg Thursday morning on business.

C. H. Draper, of Bruce & Draper, has returned from his eastern trip.

Mrs. Dean, Third street, gave a luncheon party Thursday in honor of Mrs. Strong, of the Sulphure mine.

J. P. Earnsey and wife are registered at the Hilliard.

W. H. Crocker, general manager of the Combined Gold Mines Company, and E. W. Smith, secretary of the same company, arrived from the east this morning. They will leave for the mine tomorrow.

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### Presbyterian Annual.

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### Famous Songs Women Have Composed

It is not generally known that women have composed a majority of the well known sentimental songs loved by men and women. Lady John Scott gave to the musical world "Annie Laurie," Lady Arthur Hill is author of that charming ballad, "In the Gloaming," and the Hon. Mrs. Elizabeth Norton is responsible for that long-sung melody "Juanita." Lady Scott Gattie composed "Longless Tender and True," and "Maryland My Maryland" owed the thrill of its sacred tune to a woman, the late Mrs. Sewell Martin of Baltimore. Mrs. Lyman, made the

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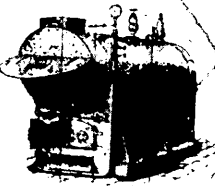
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